

Food and Drug Administration Rockville MD 20857

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On behalf of Julian M. Whitaker, M.D.;

Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw;

American Preventive Medical Association;

Pure Encapsulations, Inc.

Dear Mr. Emord:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration to immediately reverse its decision to postpone indefinitely evaluation of the pending petitioned **claims** under the mandated First Amendment disclaimer standard of Pearson and, instead, conduct the First Amendment evaluation without delay **was** received by this office on 12/22/99. It was assigned docket numbers $91N-0101/PRC\ 1$; $91N-0098/PRC\ 1$; $91N-0103/PRC\ 1$; and $91N-100H/PRC\ 1$ and it was filed on 12/23/99. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

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